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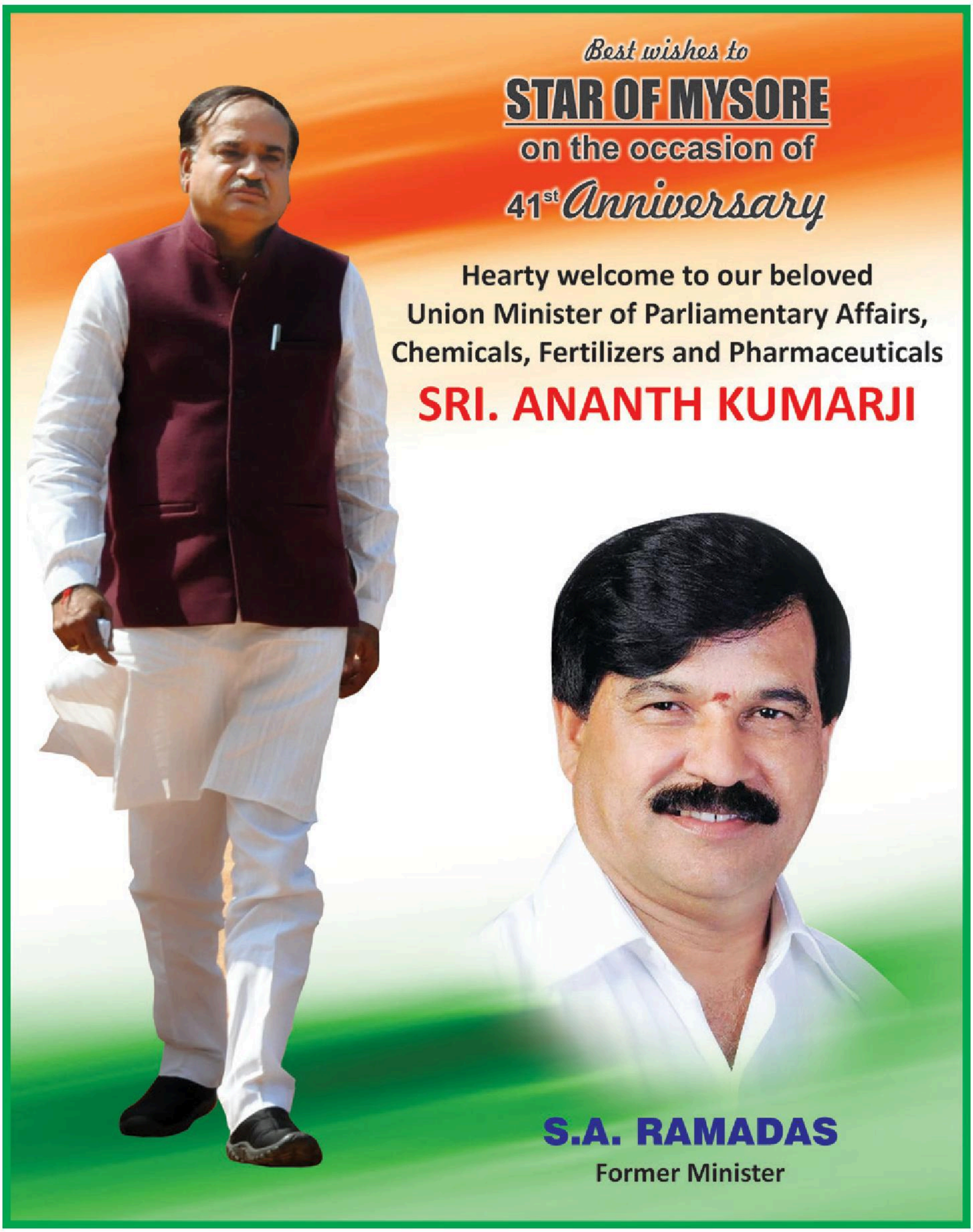

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
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Mysuru, Saturday 17th February 2018

Pathanjali power

Having welcomed with open arms as it were, western culture in its multiple avatars, notably allopathic medicines, attire, food habits and music, not to forget favouring English medium schooling, Indian society has begun to bestow its attention on naturopathy, ayurveda, yoga, organics and whatever in a rush of blood matching tsunami and cloudburst. The yoga-guru-turned-entrepreneur has arrived on the national scene from nowhere in virtually no time, pushing his original mission of promoting yoga-for-health to the background. It is another matter that self-styled yoga gurus have entered the fray in numbers bulging in dimensions never witnessed anytime before in the land, apart from capturing followers from all nooks and corners globally, enriching themselves in the process, given the fees in flattering amounts being collected by some Mysuru-based yoga gurus. There is no way of telling who makes it to the top of the victory stand — promoters of ayurveda or producers of allopathic products.

The staying power of enterprises engaged on western pharmaceuticals comes from the factors of money-power of the investors, aggressive marketing, glamorous infrastructure, unfailing trust of the patrons in massive numbers and unveiled government support, while ayurveda is struggling to make inroads into the hearts of seekers of medicare on a perceptible scale.

The array of high-tech and high-cost panel of diagnostic equipment, attractive presentation by the medical fraternity at workplace, carrying on with their profession in English for the most part, proliferation of retailers with their shelves overflowing with medicines with bewildering names and brands have swayed all sections of society to the point that ayurveda world may take decades to catch up, if at all. The rustics too are rushing to city-based hospitals abandoning the traditional pandits in their villages, unfazed by the money they are required to cough up starting from the steadily soaring consultation fee by specialists. Interestingly, some practitioners of ayurveda charging consultation fee in four digits are also sought after nowadays.

Money worth of allopathic medicines produced in the country, estimated to be on the cusp of five lakh crore rupees appears to be the deriving factor luring enterprises to emulate the leading multinational companies prospering in the medicare sector. Brand *Pathanjali* is leading the existing and newly emerging players taking to naturals, having crossed the mark of 105 billion rupees in sales. Ultimately, the people and brand Pathanjali together can give allopathy a run for its money.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A smile is often an indication of pleasantness. A laugh is often an expression of approval. But a cackle is many things. It is instinctive, impulsive, and hard to hold back. When the source of the cackle is a woman, it rings of many uncomfortable truths in a conservative society. This is why MP Renuka Chowdhury's cackle, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in Parliament last week, made headlines. When Modi mentioned, during his speech in the Rajya Sabha, that the idea of Aadhaar was first mooted by L.K. Advani, Ms. Chowdhury guffawed. Modi picked on this, paused his speech, and suggested she sounded like a demoness from the Ramayana. The discomfort and the national debate around this laugh are telling. A cackling woman is a dangerous thing. Look at any public place. It's rare to see a woman laughing. When a girl laughs, she's advised — at home or in school — to do it noiselessly, and to politely cover her mouth. Mirth isn't womanly, it speaks of a certain recklessness, an inability to rein yourself in.

— Veena Venugopal in The Hindu.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Farmer names one of his wolves Trump

Gjakova: When Hysni Rexha from Kosovo finally made his dream happen and took four wolves from the wild to feed and raise them he had no doubts over how to name one of them. He called it Trump.

"I have some other wolves but this one has a lot of energy in everything and he is very smart," Rexha, who likes to be called a holistic vet says.

"I admire (President) Trump, he has a lot of energy, he gives orders, he is a brave man, that's why I named my wolf because he does the same things. He does not do what others do. He has his own style and does his mission."

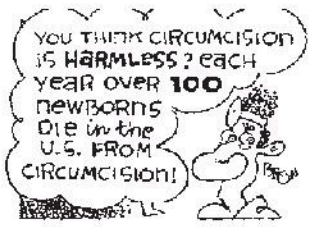
Anti-Valentine's Day Insoles

London: Valentine's Day is all about love and happiness, which makes it that much harder a holiday for people who have just been dumped by their partners. Luckily, a design studio is giving scorned lovers a chance to cope with their breakup by symbolically walk all over them.

Created by the people at Bompas & Parr, the 'Anti-Valentine's Day Insoles' present users with "the ultimate opportunity to get your own back on your ex, unrequited loves and the cruellest of heart breakers and symbolically walk all over them." All you have to do is send the design studio a photo of your ex-lover and they'll print it on a pair of insoles that you can then cut to fit your shoes, so you can trample over their face every time you take a step. It's supposed to be a cathartic way of moving on with your life. The idea of wearing insoles printed with the photo of someone who hurt you may sound a bit crazy, but it was actually inspired by ancient Egyptian culture, where it was believed that "the placement of a symbol of your enemy on the soles of your shoes represented a means to metaphorically subjugate and demean your enemy by literally treading them underfoot."

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How many people die every day in the US?



According to recent United Nations figures, 2,47,018 people die every year in the United States. That averages out to about 6,675 people per day. In the world, approximately 55.3 million people die each year. Enjoy every day.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Talk on Functional Foods in management of diabetes

Mysuru, Feb. 17- The University of Mysore under its DST PURSE Programme has arranged a special lecture by Prof. Theeshan Bahorun, Professor of Applied Biochemistry and National Research Chair at the Mauritius Research Council, on the topic "Functional Foods in the management of diabetes and cancer: Molecular, animal studies and clinical evidences" on Feb. 19 at 11.30 am, at the Department of Studies in Microbiology, Manasagangothri.

Prof .Theeshan Bahorun, who is also the Head of the ANDI Centre of Excellence for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research, has more than 20 years of experience in biomedical research on bioactive components of dietary/plant based factors (phytoceuticals), functional foods, oxidative stress mechanisms, molecular nutrition, chemopreventive strategies in diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular dysfunctions and clinical research. He has been the Chairman of the Food and Agricultural Research Council and is currently the President of the Board of Governors of the University of Technology, Mauritius.

Painting exhibition on 'Nobel Prize-winning Scientists'

Mysuru, Feb.17 - As part of National Science Day celebrations, artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya has organised a painting exhibition on 'Nobel Prize winning Scientists' at Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira, Mysuru on Feb.18 at 10 am.

Kollegal Sharma, Senior Principal Scientist CFTRI, Mysuru, will inaugurate the Painting expo. Krishne Gowda, Working Executive Committee Member, Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat, Bengaluru. will preside.

Prof. H. S. Mallikarjuna Shastri, Retired Principal, Omkarmal Somani Mahavidyalaya, Mysuru will be the chief guest. N. Mahesh Kumar, lecturer, Government Maharani's Pre-University College, Mysuru will deliver the introductory speech. Artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya will be present. For details, contact Mob: 98444-72059.

Really...?

- ***Lonar Lake, a saltwater lake in Maharashtra, was created by a meteor hitting the Earth and is one of its kind in India.***
- ***India grows 1.2 million tons of mangoes every year, weight equivalent to 80,000 blue whales.***
- ***Kodak developed the first digital camera in 1975, but kept it a secret fearing it would threaten their photographic film industry. Eventually, the competitors who did market digital cameras drove Kodak to bankruptcy.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man sent by his wife to the market to buy organic vegetables looks around but can't find any. So he turns to an old employee and says, *"These vegetables are for my wife. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?"* ***The old man looks at him with understanding,*** *"No. You will have to do that yourself !"*

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Cauvery Verdict

SC reduces TN's share of water

New Delhi, Feb. 17- In a landmark verdict that casts a long shadow on Southern politics, Tamil Nadu's share of water from River Cauvery has been reduced by the Supreme Court (SC) and Karnataka will now receive a bigger share.

Citing the requirement of drinking water for Bengaluru, the SC yesterday lowered the amount of Cauvery water due to Tamil Nadu, to 404.25 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet), from the 419 tmcft allotted by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) in February 2007.

This means, Karnataka will now release 177.25 tmcft to TN instead of 192. The SC allotted Karnataka 270 tmcft Cauvery water, which is 14.75 tmcft more than the Tribunal award. There's no change in the allotment for Puducherry (30 tmcft) and Kerala (7 tmcft). With these minor changes, the SC said, it is fully endorsing the method used by the Tribunal to give its final award in 2007. The Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra authored this unanimous verdict of the Three-Judge Bench.

The Apex Court said that subject to the formulation of a scheme, the water allocation arrangement should stand unchanged for the next 15 years

The verdict came just months before Karnataka elections and has been claimed by the ruling Congress as a big win. Of course, Karnataka was overjoyed by the verdict, while political parties in Tamil Nadu expressed shock over the verdict.

A Special Bench of the CJI, which declared the Cauvery a "national asset" and largely upheld the water-sharing arrangements finalised by the CWDT in its award on Feb. 5, 2007, said Karnataka was entitled to a "marginal" relief. The judgment concluded that the CWDT did not take into account TN's stock of an "empirical" 20 tmcft of groundwater. The SC held that it would take into account at least 10 tmcft of this groundwater and reduce this amount from the 192 tmcft supplied to Tamil Nadu.

The Court observed that Bengaluru had attained the "global status" and its drinking water requirement had increased multi-fold. Need for drinking water was at the top of hierarchy. The Tribunal did not consider the growing needs of Bengaluru and thought the city could make do with its 60 per cent groundwater supply. But groundwater had dried up with the burgeoning population. Thus, the Court allocated 4.75 tmcft to Bengaluru, even though the city is located outside Cauvery basin.

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CM's Poll Budget:

Bounty for Mysuru

What's in store for Mysuru?

- 'Mysuru Haat' on the lines of 'Delhi Haat'
- Kuvempu Memorial at V.V. Puram
- Dasara-CM Cup
- Basava Chair at University of Mysore
- Women Industrial Park at Thandya-Mysuru
- Industrial Township
- Cancer Treatment Unit

Bengaluru, Feb. 17 - Ahead of the Assembly elections in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah presented his government's last budget yesterday. It was not to be a full-fledged budget but a vote-on-account budget. This is also Siddharamaiah's 13th State Budget presentation as the Finance Minister.

In his 4-hour-10-minute-long non-stop Budget speech, Siddharamaiah did not disappoint Mysuru, his hometown and as he has plans to contest from Chamundeshwari constituency, the CM has taken enough care and has announced a series of projects and allocations to Mysuru.

Non-allocation and not sanctioning of projects to Mysuru would have provided ammunition to his critics to target him at election rallies. By announcing new projects, Siddharamaiah has attempted to silence his detractors.

Siddharamaiah has announced that a 'Mysuru Haat' will be developed in Mysuru on the lines of 'Delhi Haat' located in New Delhi. 'Mysuru Haat' will be developed on the land belonging to Karnataka Exhibition Authority. It promises to eliminate middlemen in the artisan-end user route and will provide an opportunity to local artisans. If 'Mysuru Haat' becomes a reality, Mysuru will have two such facilities. The city already has 'JSS Urban Haat' at Hebbal where year-long art and handicrafts exhibitions are held.

CM Siddharamaiah

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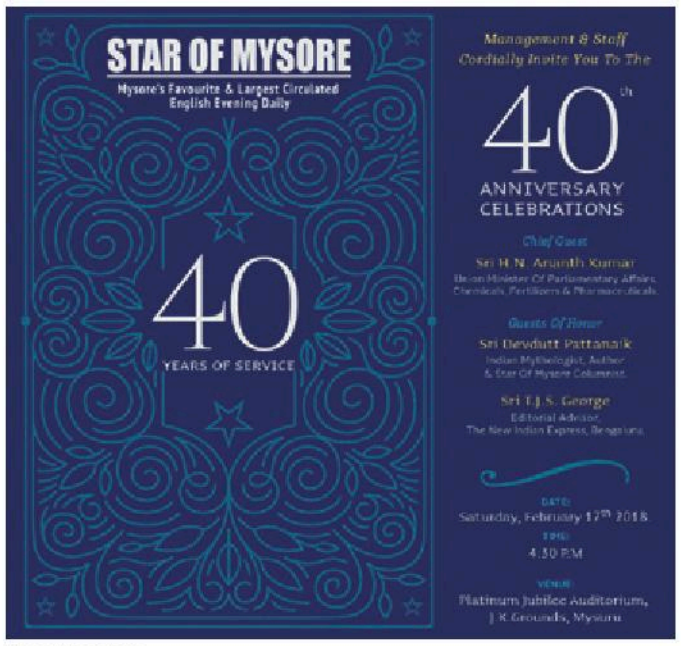
Please join us this evening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Saturday, February 17th 2018
4.30 PM
Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, J.K Grounds, Mysuru

Dear Readers,

Your favourite evening english daily *Star of Mysore* completed 40 years of service on Feb.16 and entered its 41st year of publication today. Thanks to you all, we have been the leading newspaper connecting readers with their leaders; connecting advertisers with their customers; and more importantly, connecting Mysuru with Mysureans.

As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations, we invite all our readers, subscribers, advertisers, patrons, delivery boys, agents and well-wishers to join us at the Platinum Jubilee Auditorium in J.K. Grounds this evening (Feb. 17) at 4.30 for a special lecture by the renowned Mythologist and Author Devdutt Pattanaik. The book titled "*Star of Mysore — Story of a unique evening english newspaper*" penned by *SOM* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy will be released by Veteran Journalist T.J.S. George. Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar will deliver the presidential address.

We look forward to seeing you all at the anniversary event.

— Management

NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised a story-telling programme for kids by Sreekantesh, Assistant Director, Department of Education, Mysuru, today from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

4th Annual day celebrations

Kanaka Pragna Montessori School, Ramanuja Road, is celebrating its 4th Annual day celebration at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru on Feb.18 at 4.30 pm. Prof. K. Basavaiah, Professor in Chemistry (Retd.) DoS in Chemistry, UoM, Manasagangothri, Mysuru will be the chief guest. D. Doddaiah will preside. For details, contact Mob: 98804-56744.

Thyagaraja Keerthana recital

As part of Thyagaraja Aradhana, Moolakanadu Sabha Charitable Trust, Hunsur Road, Mysuru has organised Thyagaraja's Pancharatna Keerthanegala Ghosti rectial at its premises on Feb. 18 at 10. 30 am. For details, contact Seetharam on Mob: 97410-19850 or Srinivasamurthy on Mob: 94806-29189.

Annual Day celebrations

Mother's Touch Play Home and Abhyudaya Primary School has jointly organised a 'Annual Day' celebration at Jaganmohan Palace here on Feb.18 at 3.30 pm. M. Yogendra, International Athlete (Superintendent of Central Tax & Customs) will be the chief guest. Dr. Anil Thomas, President, Minority Yuva Morcha, BJP, Mysore Zone and Dr. Ambika Nazareth, Managing Trustee, VIBHA Education Trust, Rajivnagar, Mysuru will be the guests of honour.

Workshop postponed

The Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC) has postponed its week-long workshop on 'Export Management' that was to take place at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road, to Mar.12. The workshop which was earlier scheduled to take place from Jan. 29 to Feb. 3, has now been re-scheduled to Mar. 12 to 17. Interested entrepreneurs and businessmen can register by paying a fee of Rs. 8,000. However, the fee for VTPC members is Rs. 6,000 and for women, minority community members, SC/ST and disabled is Rs. 5,000. Last date for registration is Feb. 20. For details, call Ph: 0821-4253409 or Mob: 97319-38421. E-mail: vtpcmysore@gmail.com, according to a press release.

Serial deaths of Pelicans

Research team from Coimbatore visits Kokkarebellur

Bharathinagar (Mandya), Feb. 17 (Satish&KS)- Following serial deaths of pelicans at Kokkarebellur near here, a team of researchers from Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu visited Kokkarebellur on Feb. 14 and conducted an inspection.

The Research team led by SACON Senior Biologists C. Karthikeyan and V. Kiruba Nandini who visited the village conducted a detailed inspection of the place where pelicans are found in large numbers and later conducted post-mortem of the dead birds.

Speaking to the media after conducting post-mortem, the Research team members said that round worms found in the dead birds was found in the carcass of the pelicans for which they had conducted post-mortem. The viscera of the dead pelicans have been collected for further tests, they added.

Meanwhile, Scientists Dr. H.K. Muniyellappa, Dr. Shivaramu and Dr. B.M. Chandranayak of Institute of Animal Health & Veterinary Biologicals at Hebbal in Bengaluru, said that infestation of round worms was the cause for pelican deaths at Kokkarebellur and told the Research team that they had submitted a report on Dec. 9 in this regard.

The team later visited the trees where pelicans are roosting and observed their movements and behaviour and also inspected the chicks of pelicans and painted strokes. The team also visited the water bodies in the village and later visited Simsha River and collected samples of water and mud besides collecting samples of mud and water at Gurudevara Hallikere and Solakere.

The visiting Research team said that they would submit a report after conducting tests of water and mud they had collected in two days and added that preliminary assessments and reports say that round worms was the cause for the death of pelicans, but tests would be conducted to know more.

DCF (Wildlife) V. Yedakondalu said that the deaths of pelicans had created a sense of anxiety and tension and added that experts would be called from across the country and steps are being taken to prevent the deaths of pelicans.

Meanwhile, bird lovers have expressed their anger over the absence of German researchers in the team which visited Kokkarebellur on Feb. 14.

On Feb. 14, the Indo-German team was supposed to arrive to conduct a joint research, but the absence of German researchers in the team has irked the bird lovers.

Former MLC A.K. Subbaiah to be felicitated on Feb. 25

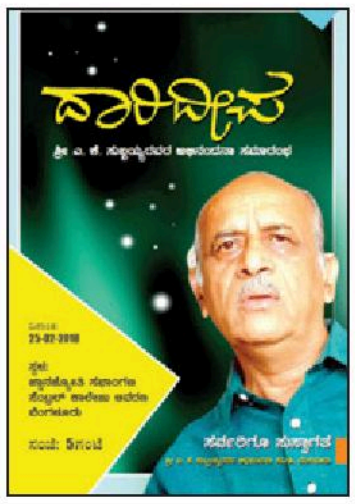
Ponnampet, Feb.17- Former MLC and senior politician A.K. Subbaiah (Ajjikuttira Kariappa Subbaiah) will be felicitated at a programme to take place in Bengaluru on Feb. 25.

The programme, which is organised by A.K. Subbaiah Felicitation Committee headed by former Advocate-General Prof. Ravi Verma Kumar, will take place at Jnanajyothi auditorium in Central College premises, Bengaluru, at 5pm on Feb.25.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will release the felicitation Volume titled *'Daarideepa.'*

Former Advocate-General Prof. Ravi Verma Kumar will deliver the felicitation address.

Senior writer Devanur Mahadeva will release *'Souharda Sele,'* a collection of A.K. Subbaiah's writings, while farmer leader Chukki Nanjundaswamy will release A.K. Subaiah's autobiography titled *'Nirbheetiya Hejjegalu'.*



Ministers K.J. George and Ramesh Kumar and former Minister M.C. Nanaiah will take part in the programme.

House burgled in city

Mysuru, Feb.17- Even as the Police claim to have strengthened the beat system for prevention of crimes such as thefts and burglaries, miscreants who broke into a house in Vijayanagar, have decamped with 25 grams gold jewellery worth about Rs. 70,000.

Shamanth Kumar, who was residing at a rented house left along with his family members to his native village in Gubbi Taluk on Feb.11.

But on Wednesday, the house owner on noticing the front door of the house open, informed Shamanth, following which he rushed back-only to find the house burgled, with 25 grams gold jewellery missing from an almirah, it is learnt.

Vijayanagar Police who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Cauvery Kriya Samiti welcomes Apex Courts's ruling on Cauvery

Mysuru, Feb. 17- The Mysuru Zilla Cauvery Kriya Samiti has welcomed the Supreme Court's order awarding more Cauvery water to Karnataka.

In a press release, the Kriya Samiti Convenor and Kannada activist Thayur Vittalamurthy said that the Supreme Court's order was a victory for the relentless struggle by Kannada and Farmer organisations of the State demanding a rightful share of Cauvery water. Vittalamurthy has thanked all Kannada organisations, students and Kannada activists for taking part in the struggle for Cauvery water.

Right of place: Beggar stabs another beggar

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (KS) - A fight between two beggars for a place to beg, resulted in one of them allegedly stabbing the other near Sri Saibaba Temple on Thyagaraja Road here on Thursday.

Usually, devotees throng the temple on Thursdays and the beggars scramble to get the first place near the entrance of the temple. On Feb.15 too, devotees thronged the temple and the two beggars in a bid to secure the front place indulged in a verbal fight which resulted in the two raining blows on each other. But the 80-year-old beggar later allegedly stabbed the other resulting in serious injuries and passers by shifted him to a hospital. The 80-year-old beggar has been taken into custody by K.R. Police.

Meanwhile, the devotees have urged the authorities concerned to stop the menace of beggars near temples.

Obituary

M.V. Gopalakrishne Urs

Mysuru, Feb.17- M.V. Gopalakrishne Urs (86), a resident of Rajarajeshwari Nagar and a retired SBM main cashier, passed away on Feb. 13.

He leaves behind four sons, two daughters, eight grand children, four great grand children and host of relatives and friends.

As per his last wish his body has been donated to JSS Medical College.

VOICE OF THE READER

Set right display board at Railway Station

Sir,

The train timing display board at the top of the Railway Station main entrance is not working since three months. In spite of my repeated complaints to the Station Master and his Assistants, the repair was not done.

If the display board works, last moment commuters can go through entrance undercover bypass passage which is under Adyar Ananda Bhavan in 5 minutes to their desired platforms (1 to 6) in a matter of seconds. A human life can be saved by the kind-hearted Train Guards. By seeing the running commuters they used to stop the train immediately. Kudos to the Train Guards. I request our MP and DC to take suitable action in this regard.

Another problem is with the auto drivers, who park their autos in front of the Adyar Ananda Bhavan not allowing any two-wheelers to park their vehicles even for 5 to 10 minutes.

If the authorities concerned make a surprise check they can act against such offenders.

An old man with partial eye problem works in the first shift (5 am to 1 pm) at Chamarajapuram Railway Station near Jayanagar under bridge. He takes nearly 10 minutes to issue a season ticket. An efficient youngster should replace him immediately.

—B.R. Narasimhan
Kumvempunagar
10.2.2018

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(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	91.91 ft
Yesterday	91.00 ft
Inflow	106 cusecs
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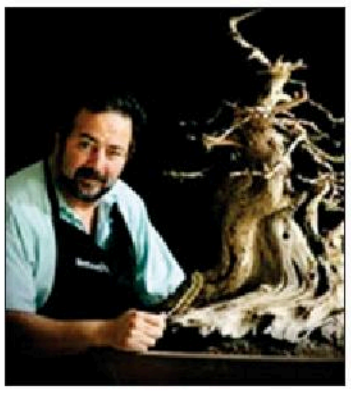
Last year on this date	78.57 ft

Demonstration-cum-workshop on Bonsai in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Srushti Bonsai Study Circle has organised a demonstration-cum-workshop on Bonsai by International Bonsai Master Pedro Morales in city on Feb.18 from 9.30 am to 6 pm.

Srushti, a not-for-profit organisation, has been promoting the art of Bonsai in Mysuru over the last twenty years. The day-long event, organised jointly with Rotary Mysore, will be held at Rotary Children's Library Association (RCLA) Hall on JLB Road.

Pedro Morales will also be talking about the Tropical Bonsai School that is proposed to be set up in South India this year, in collaboration with Srushti and Vriksha, Bonsai Study Circle of Bengaluru.



Those interested in parti-ci- pating may contact Uma Mahesh on Mob: 99450 26907 or Anita Suresh on Mobile: 99806 28302.

Profile: Pedro Morales is an internationally renowned Bonsai artist from Puerto Rico. His trees are recognised as great masterpieces of the tropical world. His huge nursery in Puerto Rico is considered as one of the best in international circles. Eight of his trees have been selected in the World Bonsai Contest, one of them as the second runner up, in 2005. In 2015, Pedro won the first prize on the World Shohin Photo Award in Japan.

He owns and operates his School of Tropical Bonsai in Puerto Rico; he currently holds his schools in Mexico City, Venezuela and many more places. He has setup a school in Mumbai also (2016-18).

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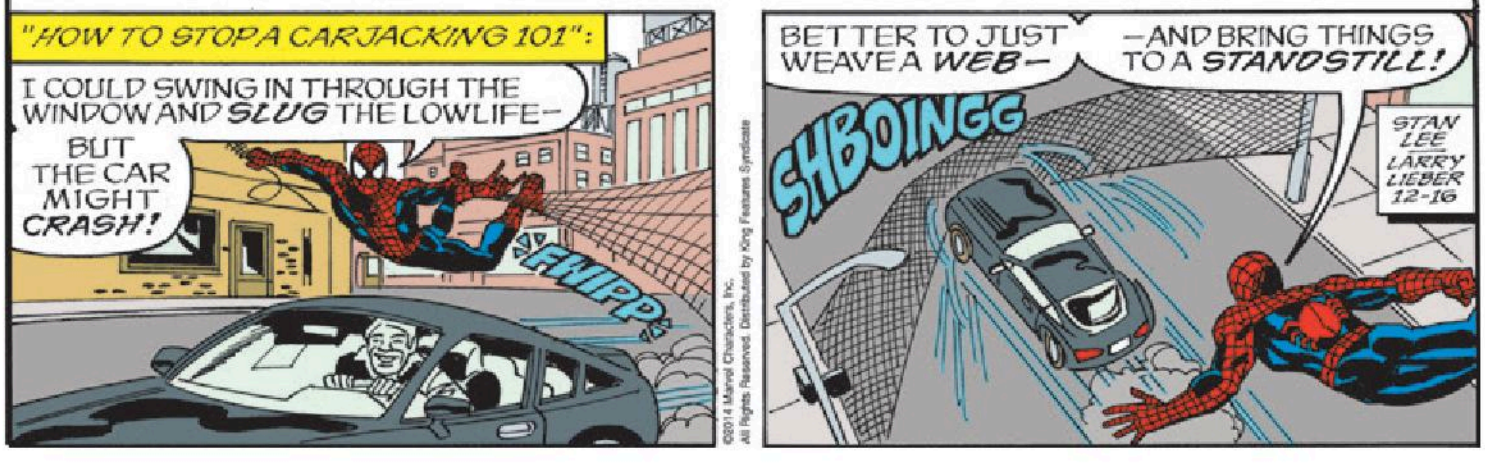
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A. Madhaviah - A Family Portrait

Mukta Venkatesh

Author Girija Madhavan's mother Mukta Venkatesh, painter and writer, who lived in Mysuru from the 1920s till her death in 2003 at the age of over 101, was the fourth daughter of A. Madhaviah, a social reformer-cum-writer. She was deeply influenced by his love of literature, both English and Tamil, and also his liberal views. Here we publish the reminiscences of Mukta's early years (as narrated to Girija) on the Coromandel Coast — of a way of life now lost. In her long life, she saw the transition from bullock cart to jet and space travel; reading books by the light of hurricane lamps to the wonders of e-books and the internet. Now read on. —Ed

A. Madhaviah

By Girija and A. Madhavan

A Madhaviah, a writer in English and Tamil, was born on the 16th of August 1872, in Perunkulam, a temple town in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu. His parents were Anantanarayanier, also called Appavier, and Meenakshi. Before his death on 22nd October 1925, aged 53 years, he had achieved success with his novels, short stories, essays and poems.

His youngest son, the naturalist and wildlife photographer, M. Krishnan, listed more than thirty of his works, apart from *"Panchamritham",* a journal in Tamil which he published himself. His fiction, like *"Thillai Govindan," "Padmavathi Charitram"* and *"Clarinda"* still evoke interest for their pioneering social reformist ethos, such as abolition of child marriage, dowry demands and caste prejudice. His advocacy of widow remarriage irked orthodox Brahmins. So he could not settle in his ancestral home. However, in a poem he praised the pastoral landscape of his village, describing the rice fields as "a carpet of green, channel striped," "coconut and plantain dense, a grove immense." He felt nostalgic about his roots.

"Yet my frame
Turns longing to my kindred clay,
Dear earth, all night and day."

Years later, he built a house in Madras, naming it **"Perunkulam House"** and set up his own printing press there. M. Krishnan, a *Padma Shri* awardee, lived in the Cottage, where the printing press was located in the grounds of the main house, until his death in 1996. Historian Ramachandra Guha has written a book about him named *"Nature's Spokesman."*

At the age of fifteen, Madhaviah was married to eleven-year-old Meenakshi, his mother's namesake. A devoted wife, all her life she respected her husband's ideas and did not go to temples or observe religious rituals at home.

Madhaviah was sent to Madras for studies at the old Christian College. He passed a competitive exam and joined the Salt and Abkari Department of the British Raj. The"Abkari' Department relating to a word of Persian origin, dealt with the sale of liquor and drugs, excise, law and order. His fourth daughter named Muthulakshmi was born in 1902. She was known later as **Mukta Venkatesh** as her father-in-law, Alladi Mahadev Sastry, Sanskrit scholar, named her "Muktambal" after her marriage in 1919 to M. Venkatesh, his third son. Mukta was the mother of Girija Madhavan. She described her childhood as idyllic. They ate fresh, organically grown produce which kept them healthy. The family survived the influenza pandemic of 1917. They were taught by the father as there were no schools in places like Surla in Odisha and hamlets along the Coromandel Coast.

Madhaviah was dynamic personality, influencing the minds of all his children, five daughters followed by three sons. He opened their minds to English and Tamil literature and freed them from the social constraints of their community. He encouraged them to develop their creative talents — both Mukta and Krishnan became fine artists. He was influenced by Rev. William Miller, Principal of his College, but retained his own personal and social identity. He had a family Bible and entered the names of his children on the fly-leaf. His leather-bound book which he called "Nota Bene" still exists, though the pages covered with his handwriting are crumbling.

THE MADHAVIAH FAMILY

M. Krishnan is the boy seated at the extreme left. Mukta is just behind him. The young man standing in the middle of the group is M. Anantanarayanan, Chief Justice of Madras in the late 1960s and author of 'The Silver Pilgrimage' and several other works. He is the father of A. Madhavan.

Madhaviah loved Karnatak music and wanted his young daughters to learn to sing. A teacher was arranged and Madhaviah was present for the first lesson sitting on a chair, the teacher and his assistant with a harmonium, on the floor facing the daughters. Suddenly Madhaviah's nostrils began to flare, he sniffed the air and his face darkened with anger as he thundered at the musician, "How dare you come drunk to teach young girls?" The poor man picked up the harmonium and fled. It turned out that he had varnished it for the occasion; he was not drunk at all, the smell was from the varnish!

The Abkari work entailed inspection of salt pans along the Coromandel Coast. In the early years, the family lived in places like Surla in Ganjam, Orissa, where they had a spacious house in a large compound with shady trees.

On some tours Madhaviah took his family along. After an early supper, a caravan of bullock carts would set off. These carts were covered with arched wooden slats with woven reeds on top. They had large wheels with spokes. On the flat base, bedding was laid out. The smaller children and the mother rode in one cart and the older ones with the father in another. Sometimes Madhaviah would ride alongside on his horse, carrying his licensed revolver. The bullocks would plod along rough tracks or pitted paths to the destination, the cart men half asleep, passing through palmyra groves, with the murmur of the sea in their ears.

The carts were numbered. The first carried tents for the family and the Office Tent for Madhaviah. The second was the "Samaan Vandi," carrying pots and pans, trunks of clothing and books. A cleverly layered box held bottles and compartments for rice, dal and spices. The most important item was the white first-aid box with a red cross. It held cotton, lint, clean white cloth for bandages, tinctures of iodine and benzoin and potassium permanganate crystals for cauterising animal and snake bites. Botliwala's Ague Mixture, quinine tablets, chlorodyne and camphorodine for diarrhoea, aspirin, gripe water, vinegar for treating insect bites, vaseline and the book *"Family Medicine"* by Burkhead were other items. Cooks and staff followed, the latrine cart with a tent, buckets and mugs being the last.

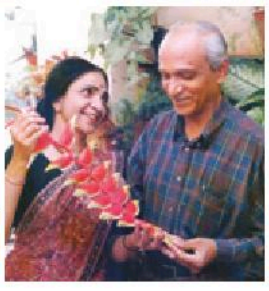
The children were asked to drill with a Jamedar on the beach; they shouldered sticks in lieu of firearms. Even in her old age, Mukta remembered the chant: *"Quick March, Double March. Halt! About turn!"*

The older children would help the smaller ones with their lessons. They played folk games like Goats and Tigers. After evening supper, Madhaviah would teach them English, enacting scenes from Shakespeare and reciting Tamil poetry and stories.

Madhaviah was a man of courage who could never resist a dare. As a student, he once swam across a swollen river to write an exam. He walked across the slippery head of the Kuttralam waterfall where an Englishman had fallen to his death a few days earlier.

Madhaviah's most daring act was to nab some drug-sellers and smugglers. He went to their den dressed as a Telugu gentleman armed only with a Police whistle. He was to trap the drug-sellers into selling the contraband to him, whereupon he would blow the whistle for hidden Police back-up. The most dangerous moment was the interval between his blowing the whistle and the actual arrival of the Police.

The family moved to Madras. He kept busy with his writing and publishing. At the age of 53, after giving an impassioned speech at the University Senate House on the importance of including Tamil as a subject for the BA degree, he sat down and passed away. His books live on and his influence and his values have endured ▪



To *Star of Mysore* our warmest good wishes for this Anniversary and the ones to come.

— Girija and Madhavan

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Jayanti and Anniversary of RK Ashrama from today

Mysuru, Feb. 17 - As part of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa's 183rd birthday and the anniversary celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashrama, Yadavagiri, the following programmes will be held at various venues in city.

Feb. 17: Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti will be held at the Ashrama premises. Bhajans by Srimaata Samvit Bhajana Mandali will be held between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm followed by Vedamantra Patana from 5.30 pm to 6 pm. Discourse in Kannada will be from 6 pm to 6.50 pm followed by Aarati and special Bhajans between 7 pm and 8 pm.

The anniversary celebrations will be held from Feb. 18 to 25 in city.

Feb. 18: Nadalahari by Mysuru V. Krishnamurthy and troupe from 5.45 pm to 8.15 pm at the Ashrama auditorium.

Feb. 19: Pandit Mounesh Kumar Chavani will render Hindustani Classical vocal recital. He will be accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on Harmonium and Bheemashankar Bidanoor on Tabla from 5.45 pm to 8.15 pm at the Ashrama auditorium.

Feb. 20: Special lecture on the topic 'The need of Swami Vivekananda's message of strength for the youth' by Swami Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj from 10.30 am to 12 noon at Crawford Hall, University of Mysore.

A lecture on the topic 'Transform yourself to transform the nation' by Swami Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj will be held from 2.30 pm to 4.15 am at GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women on KRS Road.

Flute recital by Ravishankar Mishra and troupe will be held from 5.45 pm to 8.15 pm at the Ashrama auditorium.

Feb. 21: Special lecture on the topic 'Human excellence and academic excellence for nation building' by Swami Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj from 11 am to 12.30 pm at SJCE auditorium.

Another lecture on the topic 'Steps to build self-confidence - The Vivekananda way' by Swami Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj from 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering.

Karnatak classical vocal recital by N.R. Prashanth will be held from 5.45 pm to 8.15 pm at the Ashrama auditorium. He will be accompanied by Mathoor Srinidhi on Violin, Tumkur B. Ravishankar on Mridanga and Kaushik on Ghata.

Feb. 22: Special lecture by Swami Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj on 'Achieving human excellence through Service' will be held from 11 am to 12.30 pm at JSS Medical College. Another lecture on the topic 'Why Vivekananda for the youth' by Bodhamayanandaji Maharaj will be held at Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology between 2.30 pm and 4.15 pm.

Violin recital by N. Ramasundar will be held at the Ashrama auditorium from 5.45 pm to 8.15 pm. He will be accompanied by Srinivasa Rao on Tabla, Purushothaman on Mridanga, Ajith Kumar on Ghata and Premkumar on Morching.

Feb. 23: The Day will be observed as Swami Vivekananda Day; a Youth Camp will be held for PU students at the Ashrama auditorium between 9 am and 1 pm. During the camp, a lecture on 'Deshapremi Santha Swami Vivekananda' by Swami Anupamanandaji Maharaj and another lecture on the topic 'What a young man can learn from

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa

Swami Vivekananda' by Swami Athmashradhanandaji Maharaj will be held.

A special discourse on 'Yugacharya Swami Vivekananda' by Swami Anupamanandaji Maharaj will be held from 6 pm to 6.45 pm in the Ashrama premises.

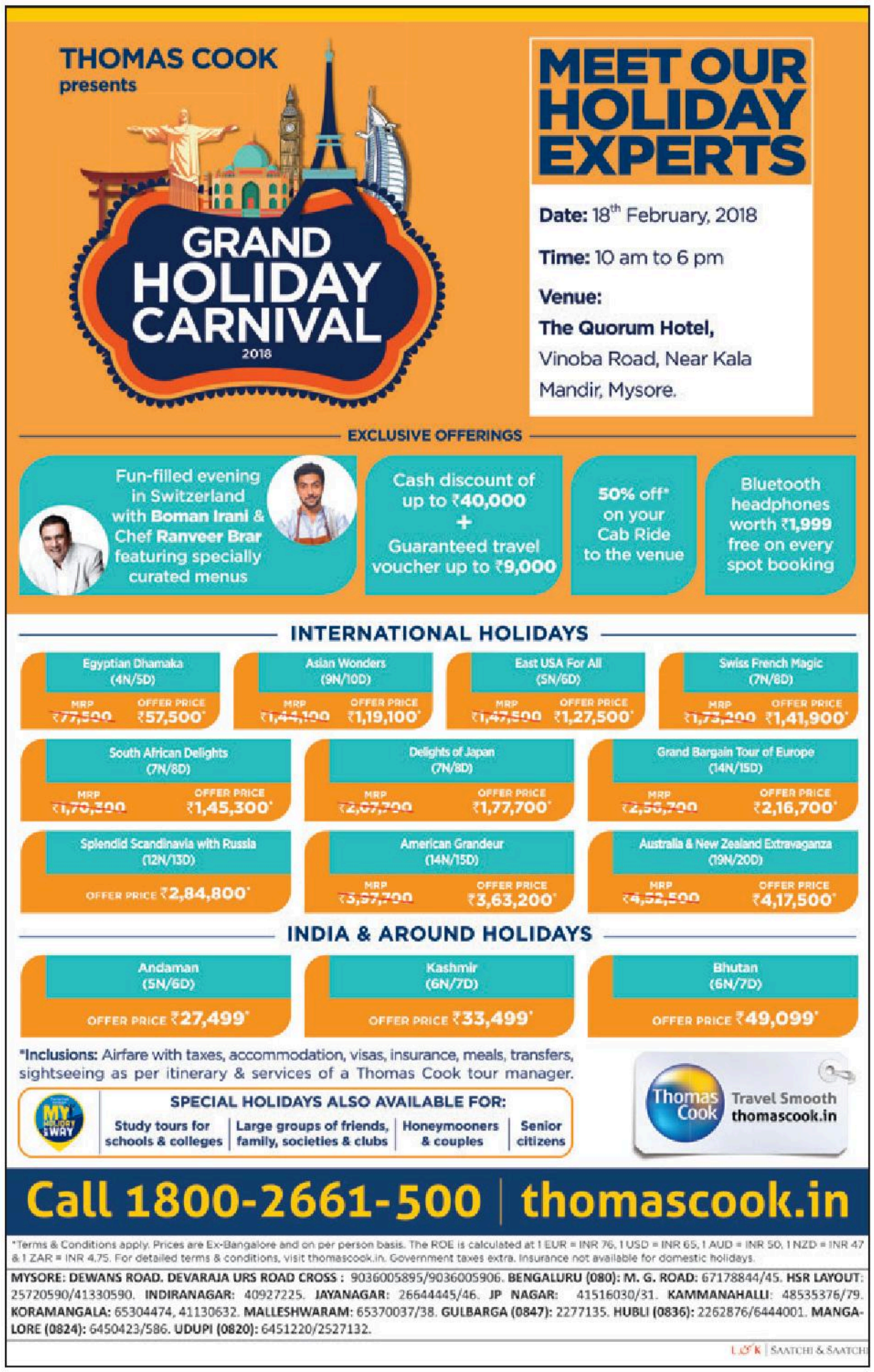
A feature on Sister Nivedita and Swami Vivekananda Nruthya Namana by Sharvari Veerabhadrappa Hubballi will be staged from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Feb. 24: 'Sri Sharadadevi Day,' a Youth Camp for PU girl students will be held at the Ashrama auditorium from 9 am to 1 pm during which Swami Athmashradhanandaji Maharaj will deliver a lecture on 'Swami Vivekananda's call to Indian Women.'

A special discourse on 'Holy Mother and Her message of everyday greatness' by Swami Athmashradhanandaji Maharaj will be held at the Ashrama from 5.45 pm to 6.15 pm followed by a Mandolin recital by Mandolin Prasad between 6.15 pm and 8.15 pm at the Ashrama auditorium. He will be accompanied by G.L. Ramesh Kumar on Flute, Nagabhushan Udupa on Keyboard, Jagadish Kurthkoti on Tabla and Gurudutt on Pads.

Feb. 25: Bhaktha Sammelana will be held from 9 am to 1 pm during which Swami Anupamanandaji Maharaj will deliver a lecture on 'Sri Sharadadevi mathu Paripoorna Adyathmika jeevana' and 'Sister Nivedita: Her dedication and ideas on India and Education' by Swami Athmashradhanandaji Maharaj.

A felicitation programme will be held from 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm at the Ashrama auditorium in Yadavagiri.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2018 KARNATAKA BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Budget size (Consolidated fund) - Rs. 2,09,181 crore
Total Receipts - Rs. 2,02,297 crore
Total Expenditure - Rs. 2,09,181 crore

- Fellowships to the students working in the field of Kannada software development and Kannada software research
- Allotment of Rs.100 crore for the economic development of Backward Class communities of Savitha Samaja, Thigala, Madivala and Kumbara
- Karnataka Prison Development Board to give skill training in various professions to prisoners to enable their rehabilitation
- 35 power sub-stations to strengthen the transmission network
- **Separate directorate of child protection to implement child protection schemes effectively**
- Medium term loan up to Rs.50,000 availed by shepherds for sheep and goat rearing waived off
- Rs.7.5 crore for the modernisation of 75 sheep/ goat markets
- Self help groups/representative of women entrepreneurs to get preference in public procurement
- **Loans of all BPL families by Karnataka Khadi Board waived off**
- **Adivasi Samudaya Bhavana in Hunsur and H.D. Kote at a cost of Rs. 1 crore**
- **Number of beneficiaries under Vidyasiri scheme increased to 1 lakh**
- Rs.10 lakh loan at 6% interest announced for the self employment of Backward Class unemployed graduates
- **Rs. 200 crore allocated for the development and various programmes for the Christian Community**
- Rs.15 crore allocated for the modernisation of Madarasas by providing formal education and improvement of basic infrastructure
- **To construct 20 lakh houses in next 5 years in rural and urban areas**
- **Karnataka Sports University to be established under Public-Private Partnership**
- **Karnataka Wrestling Festival will be organised to encourage rural mud wrestling sport**
- Digitisation of records and documents of Gram Panchayats on pilot basis at a cost of Rs.5 crore
- Action to prepare a detailed project report for 105.55 km length line under 'Bengaluru Metro Phase-3
- **'E-Kshana' to issue caste, income and residence certificate online and over the counter immediately**
- Land to Ministry of Railways for the establishment of Railway Coach Factory in Kolar District
- Mini 3-D planetarium in Belagavi to be established at a cost of Rs.3 crore
- **Implementation of an e-Attestation facility for attestation of documents of citizens**
- Rs. 15,929 crore for water resource department
- **For the welfare of door-to-door news paper distributors, government establishes 'Kshema Nidhi'**
- Pathrakarthara Bhavan to be constructed in Bengaluru at a cost of Rs.5 crore
- **Government will be establishing a high security branch in Central Prison, Bengaluru, at a cost of Rs.100 crore**
- **Free gas connection with twin burners stove and two refills to 30 lakh beneficiaries announced under 'Mukhyamantri Anila Bhagya Yojana'**
- **Establishment of 'Nirbhaya Kendras' in all the Police Commissioner's offices**
- Action to upgrade SAKAALA 2.0 using modern e-governance tools like e-Sign, Digital Locker, and services will be made faceless, cashless and paperless
- **Rs.10 crore granted to set up 100 mobile Anganwadi Centres/ crèches in areas of working of construction labourers to take care of their children**
- Special privileges announced for the 680 selected manual scavengers in urban and rural areas
- **Free education for all the girls at Government PU, Degree and Master Degree colleges**
- Special privileges for the welfare of Devadasis
- 'Live Silk Museum' will be established in Channapattana for the development of tourism
- Rs. 340 crore sanctioned to BWSSB to develop Thippagondanahalli and Hesarghatta lakes to reduce the water scarcity for Bengaluru
- State will support central government's UDAN scheme by reducing the tax on Jet fuel by 5%
- 'Boat House' programme in coastal region for the development of tourism
- 'Arogya Karnataka' programme will be launched by the end of 2018
- 'Konkani Research Centre' to be formed at Dharwad University
- **Rs. 5-lakh insurance coverage for state journalists under Madhyama Sanjeevini scheme**
- 247 Indira Canteens to be set up in all districts and taluks and Rs. 211 crore has been allocated
- 'Arogya Karnataka' programme to be launched by the last week of February
- 12 over bridges and underpasses under signal-free corridor at main junctions in Bengaluru
- **Rs. 5-lakh reward for inter-caste marriages involving Dalits**
- Rs. 2,281 crore allocated for welfare of minorities
- 14 road links to ITPL will be developed
- Rs. 237 crore allocated for youth empowerment and sports department
- **Rs. 5,371 crore for women and child development**
- Rs. 50 crore for rejuvenation of Bellandur Lake
- Rs. 5 crore for construction of permanent memorial for slain policemen
- **Public bicycle programme to be launched in Bengaluru**
- Karnataka guesthouse to be constructed for Rs 20 crore at Tirumala to benefit pilgrims from Karnataka
- Raita Belaku to empower 70 lakh dry land farmers across Karnataka with economic independence
- **KSRTC to get 10 double-decker buses for inter-city transport**
- Yoga centres in Bengaluru will be named after Dr. Rajkumar
- Multi-storeyed parking lots to be set up in 5 different Bengaluru locations
- 1,000 BMTC buses to get CCTV cameras under Nirbhaya scheme
- Agriculture research centre at Muddebihal and Agriculture College at Chamarajanagar
- Rs. 312 crore for the development of 77 lakes in Bengaluru
- **Rs. 120 crore for maintenance of Indira Canteens in BBMP limits**
- Rs. 600 crore for Krishi Bhagya
- Special package of Rs 24 crore announced for minor millets
- **Farm loan waiver hiked to Rs 1 lakh**
- **Farmers can get Rs 10 lakh loan at 3% interest rate**
- Rs. 1,091 crore for horticulture department
- Rs. 2,099 crore for minor irrigation sector
- **Rs. 5,080 crore for agriculture sector**

CM's Poll Budget:
Bounty for Mysuru

(Continued from page 3)

KUVEMPU MEMORIAL

The proposal to convert Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's house *'Udayaravi'* at V.V. Puram into a museum received a stamp of approval in the Budget. Siddharamaiah said that the late poet's residence will be preserved and developed as a national poet monument. The purpose of the monument aims to introduce the thoughts of the great poet to the next generation, he added.

DASARA-CM CUP

Continuing his largesse on Mysuru, the CM said, "on the occasion of *Naada Habba Dasara,* the annual State Dasara Sports Meet will be organised as a National Sports Meet in stages and the State-level Sports Meet will be organised as 'Dasara-CM Cup' during Dasara celebrations in Mysuru for which a grant of Rs.7 crore is earmarked."

Under new schemes, the CM announced that the State is proposing to develop Sericulture Tourism (Seri Tourism) on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Corridor in collaboration with the Central Silk Board. An international level "live museum" will be established in the sericulture area of Channapattana, he said.

BASAVA CHAIR

To facilitate the propagation and further study of the thoughts of Kranthi Yogi Basavanna, a grant of Rs. 2 crore will be provided to establish 'Basava Study Centre' at the University of Mysore. To promote nursing education, a new building will be constructed at Nursing College Mysuru at a cost of Rs. 30 crore, the CM announced. A grant of Rs. 3 crore will be given to construct late Azeez Sait Memorial Samudaya Bhavan in Mysuru and second stage of truck terminal in an area of 6.5 acres at a cost of Rs. 45 crore will be constructed at Mysuru-Nanjangud Ring Road, Siddharamaiah announced.

HOSPITALS

Two units of Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Sciences and Research have been commenced at Kalaburagi and Mysuru at a cost of Rs. 225 crore and a cancer treatment unit will be established at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 crore each in Hassan, Mysuru and Karwar, he said.

SPORTS

"The district stadiums of Udupi, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Gadag, and Shivamogga have been equipped with high-standard sports facilities in different 'Sports Hub' model and sports facilities are being upgraded in all districts stage by stage," he announced.

FOCUS ON MYSURU INDUSTRIES, TRANSPORT

"Comprehensive development works being undertaken at Chamundi Hill, Mysuru at a cost of Rs. 87 crore will be completed by March 2018. We are establishing six exclusive Women Industrial Parks at Thandya-Mysuru, Harohalli, Kanakapura, Kudithini-Ballari, Gamangatti, Dharwad, Nandur Kesartegi-Kalaburagi, and Canara-Mangaluru," he said.

Eleven new industrial townships will be developed through Karnataka State Small Scale Industries Development Corporation in Mysuru, Koppal, Ballari, Yadagiri, Dharwad, Tumakuru, Chamarajanagar, Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagara districts to encourage investment for the development of micro/small and medium scale industries in grade 2 and 3 cities, Siddharamaiah added.

Intelligent Transport System (ITS) has been implemented in Mysuru City Transport. Mobile application has been released to provide exact information to the passengers about the buses. Smart Card facility has been provided to passengers in Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, he revealed.

TRIN TRIN PRAISED

To curb the increasing number of motor vehicles and to control air pollution caused by the urban transport sector, public bicycle sharing system (Trin Trin) has been put in place for public in Mysuru. Mysuru city has bagged the National-level 'Special Award' for implementation of this scheme. "With the success of the Mysuru Public Bicycle Sharing System project, the Government will implement the same in Bengaluru," the CM said.

Apple Store in city tops India sale for 6 days!

Mysuru, Feb. 17 - iCentral, the Apple Store at Forum Centre City Mall at Nazarbad in city hit the top position among all the Apple stores in India recording a sale of 340 iPhones and iPads between Feb. 9 and 14. On Feb. 14, it recorded the highest sale in the country – a rare achievement for a store in a tier-two city like Mysuru.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* H.R. Keshav, one of the partners of iCentral said that Apple had a Valentine's Day offer from Feb. 9 to 14 and the sale began at 10 am on Feb. 9 and went on till midnight of Feb. 14. "We sold 247 iPhones and 88 iPads during the period. On an average, a store like ours sells over 70 to 80 iPhones and iPads in a month. But here, we have achieved a three-month target in six days flat," they said.

"We were able to stand in Number One position in India and we beat all the store sales in other metropolitan cities, thanks to the media campaign. We had inserted advertisements in *Star of Mysore* and its sister concern *Mysooru Mithra* and this paid off," they said. "This is an achievement as our store is just about a month old," they added.

Keshav said that there was heavy rush at their store on all six days and the response was tremendous. "Many customers complimented on our pricing, quality, service and customer support. We are proud to say that the media campaign we did for the Valentine's Day offer even helped our competitors in Mysuru to double their sales in six days," he said.

Vineeth Venugopal, D.K. Venugopalan and B.C. Satish Kumar are the other partners of iCentral that has branches in Mangaluru and Hubballi.

Passport Mela today and on Mar. 3

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (MTY&KS)- Following increase in the number of applicants from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and surrounding districts, Passport Melas will be held today and on March 3 at the Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) at Metagalli in city to reduce the 'Appointment Cycle.'

Sources said that a total of 130 appointments were given at the POPSK at Metagalli on each working day, while other applicants had to wait for four to five days to secure an appointment where their applications are processed and added that the officials wanted to clear the backlog so that an applicant gets an appointment the very next day. An additional 130 appointments is given on each day of the Passport Mela, sources said.

The POPSK at Metagalli functions only from Monday to Friday and the melas has been scheduled on Saturdays — Feb. 17 and Mar. 3 and the POPSK staff will work on Saturdays as part of the mela. To participate in the Passport Mela, the applicant has to first log on to the official website *www.passportindia.gov.in*, register online, generate an ARN (Application Registration Number) and take an appointment by paying the fees online.

The applicants should bring the printout of the ARN with appointment details to the POPSK along with the requisite documents in original in addition to one set of self-attested photocopies.

The appointments will be released on first-come-first-serve basis, said a press release from the Regional Passport Office.

CM Medal for NCC Officer

Mysuru, Feb.17-Senior NCC Officer, Captain Rajani Aithal of NCC Mysuru Group 3 Karnataka Battalion has bagged the Chief Minister's medal.

Rajani Aithal

Rajani Aithal is a Professor in the Psychology Department at Maharani's College. She has been working hard to train the cadets and instil a sense of discipline among the students.

She is the daughter of well-known Kannada Professor in Sarada Vilas College Prof. K. Shivaram Aithal (Retd).

The Maharani's Women College where she is serving has also bagged the Best College award.

Get Income, Caste and Residential certificates online

Mysuru, Feb.17- Deputy Commissioner (DC) D. Randeep has said that people from rural areas can get Income, Caste and Residential certificates online by filing an application through the website- *www.nadakacheri.karnataka.gov.in.* The certificates will bear digital signatures of the concerned authorities.

Cauvery Verdict

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The court warned the States to not deviate from the judgment or use the allotted water for other than the designated purposes. It held that the Tribunal was right in basing its water-sharing award on the basis of equitable utilisation of river water. The Tribunal was correct in basing its decision on equitability and reasonableness, it said.

Verdict satisfactory says Madegowda

Cauvery Hitharakshana Samiti president G. Madegowda expressed satisfaction over the Supreme Court verdict on Cauvery river water sharing dispute. Speaking to reporters at Mandya, he added that meeting will be called soon to discuss next steps.

Gowda said that expansion of agricultural land acreage, usage of drinking water and other pertinent matters will be discussed during the meeting with various like-minded organisations fighting over Cauvery water issue.

Battle of Haifa

The forgotten heroes of Mysuru

By Ashvini Ranjan

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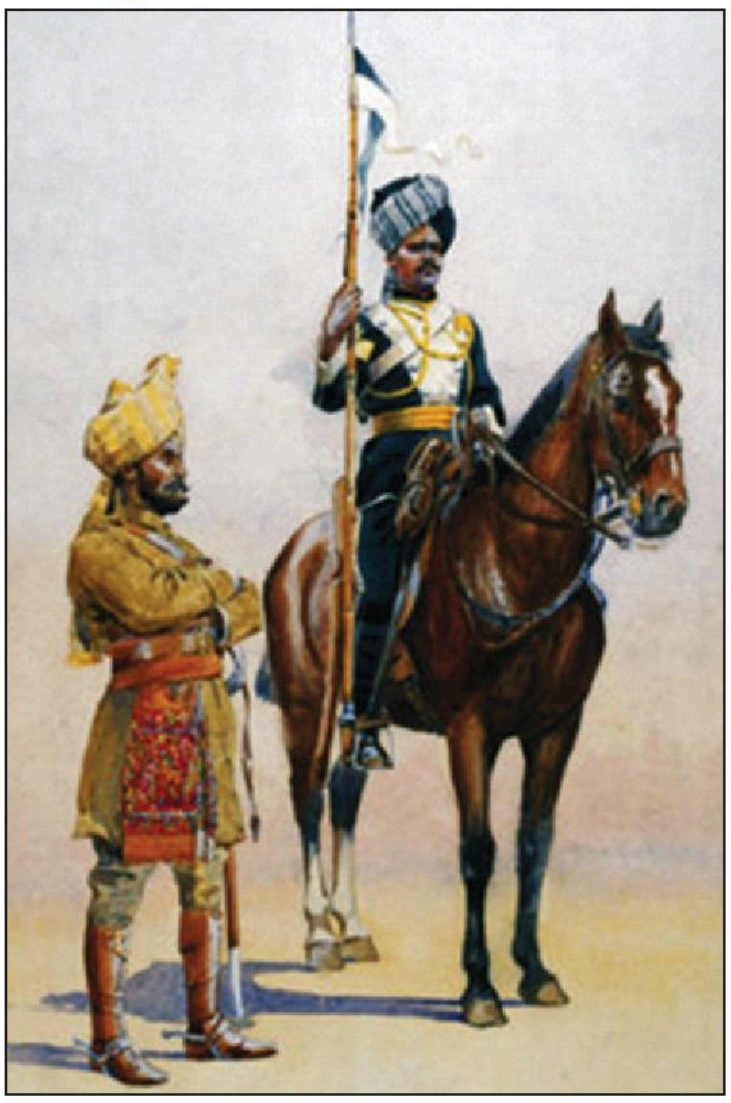
The First World War took place between the Allied Forces (Britain, France and Russia) and the Axis Forces consisting of the Germans, Austrians and the Ottoman Empire. It lasted for four years from 1914 to 1918.

India too being a colony of the British Empire participated in the war. However, the Battle of Haifa that took place on 23rd September 1918 was fought by the 15th Imperial Services consisting mainly of the Lancer Regiments of the Indian Princely States of Hyderabad, Jodhpur and Mysuru. The soldiers were the personal armies of the Indian Princes. The battle that was fought has been described by historians as one of the fiercest and most daring encounters during the First World War.

My interest to learn about the event came about when our Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Israel in 2017, laid a wreath at the grave of Haifa where the historical battle had taken place. The Mysuru Lancers too were a part of the 15 Imperial Cavalry Regiment of the Allied Forces.

The grave at Haifa has the mortal remains of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives during this war. There was a sudden burst of interest to report on the hundred-year-old event that had gathered decades of dust and almost forgotten.

I was both surprised and conscience-stricken on how an event of such a magnitude is least mentioned or celebrated. The Lancer Regiment consisted of men of the very city we live



who had displayed phenomenal valour in a place far from home which had a global significance. While as students we had read about various wars, campaigns, and invasions as part of our study of history, there was no record to enlighten us of the battle of Haifa, an event every Indian should feel proud of.

The importance of Haifa

Haifa is a major seaport located on Israel's Mediterranean coastline in the Bay of Haifa. It was of great strategic importance to the Allied Forces during the First World War because of its deep water harbour and airfield. Haifa became one of the main supply bases and arms depot serving the Middle East forces. A large naval depot was established at Haifa Bay.

The Ottoman Turks who occupied the area were aware of its strategic importance and the advantage it would give to the Allied Forces if captured. The Turks heavily fortified the area with both men and weapons to ensure its safety. An attempt to capture this port was considered suicidal. This explains why a frontal attack was not considered as feasible option by the British. However, it is a matter of conjecture why the 15th Imperial Regiment consisting of the Indian Lancers to launch a daring attack. What motivated them to do so? Was it loyalty to their king or a clever ploy to do the impossible and take the enemy by surprise?

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar

The then King of Mysuru Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar had handpicked a contingent of about 700 soldiers from his personal army as his gesture of support to the British Empire during the First World War. Those were the times when the Indian Princely States made extra efforts to please the British masters for their own survival and well-being.

The king also donated Rs. 50 lakh as his contribution to the war. He even wrote a spirited letter to his men urging them to prove that they were no less than the best fighting units anywhere in the world. In October 1914, the Mysuru Regiment left Bengaluru for Middle East. A convoy of 36 ships carried the troops from India to the Suez.

On hindsight, the decision to launch the daring attack was largely that of the Indian contingent and as a strategic move can now be termed 'brilliant and unprecedented.' The attack led by Major Dalpat Singh, considered the Hero of Haifa, not only captured and liberated the Port of Haifa but a total of 1,350 Turkish and German prisoners along with large quantities of arms and ammunition were taken possession.

In comparison to the victory that was achieved, the losses suffered by the 15th Imperial Regiment — 44 dead and 60 wounded — was insignificant. Major Dalpat Singh, who led from the front, was killed in action. The attack by the Indian Lancers has been recognised as the last great cavalry campaign anywhere in the history.

The forgotten heroes

In 1922, the British Government decided to recognise the services and heroism displayed by the armies of the Princely States of Jodhpur, Hyderabad and Mysuru. One of the major thoroughfares in Delhi was named Teen Murti Marg with statues of three soldiers representing the three Indian Princely States. But with the passage of time, the significance of the monument was forgotten and came to be associated with Mahatma Gandhi.

However, this historical fact was set right when Teen Murti Marg was renamed as Teen Murti Haifa Chowk during the visit of the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu in January this year. Similarly, the monument erected at Bengaluru too is forgotten and today is in a dilapidated condition. Though the Indian Army observes 23rd September each year as Haifa Day, there is no other public event to celebrate the victory.

On the contrary, the State of Israel observes 23rd September with greater importance as it was the victory at this battle that was responsible for liberating the country from the Ottoman occupation. It is this victory that resulted in the formation of the State of Israel thirty years later. This explains the cordial relations between India and Israel since many years.

A hero's welcome

The Indian contingent returned home in 1920 after participating in other campaigns by the British armies. The Lancers, who returned to Mysuru were accorded a hero's welcome. There were several sessions to honour them at the Palace and in public places. The Lancers Units were merged with the Indian Army in 1950 and lost their distinct identity. While it is attractive to suggest that Mysuru city should erect a monument to celebrate its heroes, it would serve no purpose unless the memory is kept alive and periodically celebrated.

60 years of Romance with the Camera

B. Manjunath of Roy Studio with his prized possession.

By B.C. Thimmaiah

Amid all the bustling new and ultra-modern photo shops aka studios that have sprung up in Mysuru city, where professionals sit behind counters trying to cope with demands of prints, blow-ups, profiles, albums, collecting data from digital cameras and pen drives, hard disks and memory cards, a quiet little shop has been going on, as it has been for over 63 years, with its friendly, old-world interior, quite unaffected by the glitter and dazzle of their competitors.

For the owners of **Roy Studio,** it is more than just a shop they run — more than a room with photos, prints, frames, tripods and cameras. It was and is still like a place of worship. For a photography enthusiast, it was a must-visit place to get their rolls developed, discuss light and grain and aperture and get a few handy tips. Ask any old-timer in Mysuru about vintage photography and they are sure to take the name of Roy Studio.

One of the oldest studios in Mysuru, Roy Studio is located at Agrahara Circle. Though Joseph Nicephore Niepiece made the first photographic image with a Camera Obscura in the summer of 1827, **Mysuru's tryst with photography started in 1930s or so. There was 'Star Studio' near Woodlands Theatre that had a reputation for its sharp group pictures.** Then there was 'Raj & Bros.' (opposite Raghulal & Co.) off Sayyaji Rao Road. 'Raj & Bros.' were the "photographers by appointment to the Maharaja of Mysore" — a royal recognition and a great privilege. Probably, the very first studio to be established in Mysuru was the Star Studio by **A.V. Varadachar and Sons. After Varadachar, D. Batroy, who trained under Varadachar, set up his own studio at the Krishnarajendra Co-operative Bank premises in 1954. He called it Roy Studio.**

Generations of Mysuru's old families have come to Roy Studio to get their family portraits done. This was the way with all photo-studios — a place you went to for the annual or once-in-a-lifetime family group photo taken with neatly oiled and combed hair.

Batroy hailed from Turuvekere in Tumakuru and was named after Batroy Swami, their family deity. When Batroy started his profession, it was the time for sunlight photography and black and white photography. Photographs were taken only during daylight as there were no other lighting arrangements though there was basic electricity.

"My father used Box Cameras that relied on most basic form of photography technology, utilising a sealed rectangular container with a fixed focus lens on one end and film on the other. They were made of wood and were the best for daylight photography," said **B. Manjunath,** Batroy's son, who owns and runs Roy Studio now.

After Box Cameras, electricity entered the photography field where bulbs were fixed to the studio ceiling with an iron rod or there would be bulbs placed on the floor with upward focus. So passionate was Batroy about cameras, he started building his own cameras.

"My father first built a Poso camera that was manually operated and had a fixed focus. Next he built a tripod camera and for this, he purchased lens from outside. Lens at that time (even now) are prohibitively expensive and were very delicate," Manjunath says.

The cameras built by Batroy were in great demand and people used to come from Mandya and Chamarajanagar to buy them. "By then technology improved and Polaroid cameras entered the market and later, Rolleiflex cameras. In the 1980s, it was the age of 35mm SLR cameras," he said.

Things started changing for studios with the advent of the modern, hand-held cameras that took reliably good pictures and were not that expensive. Still, for a long time, the camera wasn't every man's possession and the studios survived, black and white ruling the roost.

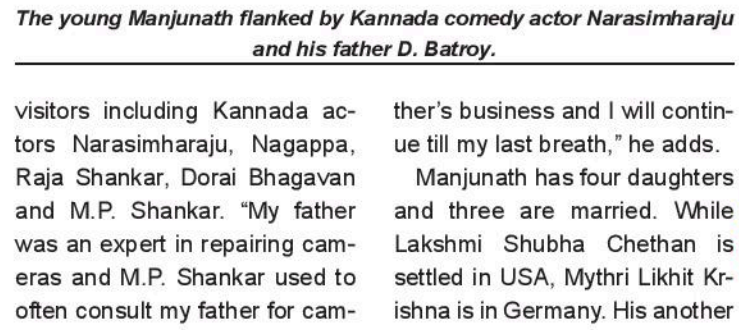
When colour revolutionised photography, only Bengaluru had the facility of printing photos. "In 1986, we started our own colour lab in Mysuru and that was the giant leap for Roy Studio," he explains.

After functioning from the K.R Cooperative Bank premises since 1954, Roy Studio was shifted to its present location on the First Floor of Chinnamma Complex, N. Madhavarao Rao Circle, Agrahara. "We have a loyal customer base and the loyalty has been passed down the generations. Our prices are nominal and we provide unmatched quality," Manjunath says.

Roy Studio has high-profile visitors including Kannada actors Narasimharaju, Nagappa, Raja Shankar, Dorai Bhagavan and M.P. Shankar. "My father was an expert in repairing cameras and M.P. Shankar used to often consult my father for camera repairs," he says with pride.

Manjunath entered his inherited business in 1979 after his B.Sc. and LLB. "It was a natural choice for me to take over my father's business and I will continue till my last breath," he adds.

Manjunath has four daughters and three are married. While Lakshmi Shubha Chethan is settled in USA, Mythri Likhit Krishna is in Germany. His another daughter Nethravathi Karthik is settled in Bengaluru while his youngest daughter Bindushree is pursuing her engineering course.



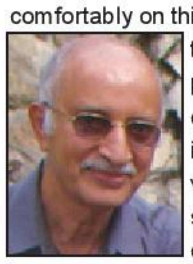
The young Manjunath flanked by Kannada comedy actor Narasimharaju and his father D. Batroy.

The family of A.V. Varadachar and Sons. Standing to the extreme right is D. Batroy of Roy Studio.

Thalassery-Mysuru Railway line through Kodagu

Conserve natural forests for future generations

By Dr. Kodira A. Kushalapa



Dr. K. A. Kushalapa

Every educated person is now conscious and knowledgeable about the role of forests, their need for conservation to live safely and comfortably on this planet Earth, thanks to Supreme Court directions to introduce environmental science as a compulsory subject in all colleges and schools.

Forests play a significant role in maintaining a suitable environment around the globe for us to live and survive. But what is a Forest? Even the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and other State Acts have not defined or could not define clearly. The Apex Court has recommended the dictionary meaning of forests for all decisions. The forests, as we understand, consist of tall trees, with lower/ middle tier (canopy) of smaller trees and the undergrowth of bushes and grasses covering the ground.

In Karnataka, we have deciduous, moist, semi-evergreen and evergreen (rain) forests, depending upon the climate, especially in the Western Ghats area with a few grassland patches. But now most of these forests have been disturbed due to over-use, encroachment, re-settlement, and mismanagement, forest fires, over-grazing by village cattle and invasion by weeds.

The forest cover in our country has come down to 21% of the total geographical area (16% in Karnataka) as against 33% envisaged in the National Forest Policy (NFP) of 1988 (NFP-2016 is in draft stage) and that too, 60% in hills and 40% in plains. These figures include even man-made plantations which are in no way comparable to natural forest ecosystems developed over millions of years. Therefore, it is our duty to conserve such valuable natural forests for our future generations.

Forests are our life-supporting systems as well as an asset. They absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen which we breathe for our survival. During evapotranspiration, the plants release moisture, making the surroundings humid, cool and comfortable. They also provide food in the form of leaves, flowers, fruits, roots, honey etc. to various animals, birds and all other living organisms. The leaf fall decomposes into humus and manure for their own survival as well as for our (all animals) survival. Roots prevent soil erosion, especially on hill slopes and helps in the infiltration of rain water to recharge ground water.

Knowing these basic facts, a few insensitive people try to ignore the conservation of our natural resources and destroy rich forests in the name of development for short-term benefits.

The glaring example was the case study of "silent valley" where about 40 years ago, the Kerala Government wanted to construct a dam, which would have destroyed vast areas of richest and biologically diverse evergreen forests but for the intervention of our then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that saved the forests.

The forests saved are the catchment of river-Kunthi and even today there is sufficient flow of water in the river. The adjacent Bharathappuzha River that drains the Palghat gap in the Western Ghats is completely dry during summer as its catchment is devoid of forests.

Coming to the similar situation in Cauvery River catchment area, spread over Western Ghats including parts of Kodagu district, several projects such as two Railway lines and a couple of National Highways, are in the offing and all of them are destructive to forest ecosystems, and that too benefiting only the adjoining Kerala State.

People of Kodagu have already experienced the destructive nature of drawing high tension power line between Mysuru and Kozhikode in Kerala. Such projects should be put to an end, wherever proposed.

The announcement of these proposals is scaring but it requires several procedural actions. Under Forest Conservation Act 1980, the Government of India should provide prior approval to divert forest land for non- forestry purposes.

Since the Railway and NH come under Central Government, necessary initial permission might have been given. The forests come under concurrent list, and though the Government of India has taken a policy decision, but since forests belong to State, they could object and prevent further activities like survey, preparation of feasibility report etc. as the project destroys State forests.

The State Government, however, has recently declared that Railway line to Thalassery will not be allowed (good news). Under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, as the project destroys natural resources, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is mandatory.

The proposal should be discussed with the affected persons by arranging a public hearing and should be approved by them. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) should also review to clear such destructive proposals.

Under the present conditions, it is impossible to re-create any forest by artificial regeneration. It is only a myth. The human and cattle populations are growing beyond the carrying capacity of their habitat and will further destroy the natural fodder resources of the area. We must try our best to conserve all the existing natural forests, preventing any damage. If the Government and others put up any such proposals in future, people should vehemently oppose and put them on right track.

Currently, people are opposing the Railway and NH through rich Kodagu forests. The tourism boom has already destroyed the environment of beautiful Kodagu. Sensible people have planned for a large-scale protest march and rally in Mysuru on Feb.18 at Karnataka Exhibition Grounds.

This should open the eyes of Governments and others who favour haphazard development at the cost of forests and environment, so that no such damaging projects should come into their mind at all. The impact of this large gathering should be such that no Government or others should think of such damaging projects in future in Kodagu.

(Dr. Kodira A. Kushalapa IFS (Retd.) is the former Regional Chief Conservator of Forests under Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change at Bhopal.)

Massive rally in city tomorrow against Railway project

Mysuru, Feb.17 - Thousands of protesters will raise their voice against the proposed Thalassery-Mysuru Railway line via South Kodagu and a slew of unnecessary development projects in Kodagu at a rally in city tomorrow. People from Mysuru, Kodagu, Mandya and Bengaluru are expected to participate in the protest meet at Karnataka Exhibition Grounds.

Before the protest meeting, a massive rally will be taken from the East Gate of the Mysore Palace near the Exhibition Grounds. Assembling starts at 9 am and the rally begins at 9.45 am and proceeds towards Hardinge Circle, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, return to Hardinge Circle and enter the

Exhibition Grounds, said J.P. Aiyanna, Coordinator, 'Kodagu Against Railway' protest rally.

At the Exhibition Grounds, the protesters will be addressed by environmental activists and green activists at around 11.30 am. Speakers will throw light on the bad effects of indiscriminate and mindless development works.

Sources said that over 30 special buses carrying protesters are expected to come to city from Madikeri and surrounding areas. Organisers are also expecting farmers from the Cauvery belt of Srirangapatna, Mandya and Maddur. Several protesters are also coming to the rally from Bengaluru.

Organisers have expressed happiness over the Supreme Court verdict that has reduced the quantum of water to be released by Karnataka to Tamil Nadu from 192 to 177 TMC ft. "This verdict calls for further protection of River Cauvery and we need to stop destructive projects in Kodagu that will eventually lead to the drying up of Cauvery," said Colonel (Retd.) C.P. Muthanna, the President of Coorg Wildlife Society.

SPG team Chief arrives in city to oversee PM's security

Narendra Modi

Mysuru, Feb.17 (RK&NNN)- The Chief of the Special Protection Group (SPG) IGP N.S. Gupta and four other AIGPs arrived in city on Feb.15 night to oversee the arrangements and complete security cover to Prime Minister Narendra Modi who will arrive in Mysuru on Feb.18 night.

They went around the Maharaja's College Grounds, the venue, where Modi will address the public on Feb.19 evening, the Maharaja's College Cricket Ground, where the helicopter carrying the Prime Minister from Shravanabelagola will land and the Railway Station where he will launch the Humsafar Express to Udaipur.

PM' s place of stay still to be confirmed

The team also visited Radisson Blu Hotel and inspected the premises and later visited the Infosys campus to check which place would suit the Prime Minister to stay overnight, considering all security aspects. According to sources, the Infosys campus is a better place security wise.

It may be recalled that Hotel Lalitha Mahal Palace where the Prime Ministers usually stay is fully booked on the day of his arrival for the wedding of the son of a former bureaucrat.

The Prime Minister will land at Maharaja's College Cricket Ground and drive to the Railway Station and after participating in the function, he will return to the Maharaja's College Ground between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm.

Once the place for the Prime Minister's stay is decided the SPG will send a message to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) from where all the instructions will come, said a source.

The Special Task Force, Finger Print Experts, Bomb Disposal Squads, Dog Squads, Ambulance are all on high alert till the Prime Minister leaves the city on Feb.19 night.

The platforms on the Mysuru Railway Station is being searched and the Police are keeping a hawk's eye.

MP Pratap Simha, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) N. Vishnuvardhana and Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, ASP Rudramuni and other officers of SPG were part of the inspection team.

Modi's visit in 2014

Apart from Prime Minister Modi's visit to the city to inaugurate the 103rd Indian Science Congress on Jan.3, 2016, the PM had also visited the city in April 2014 as a Prime Ministerial candidate.

However, earlier to that, he had visited the city as Gujarat Chief Minister and as a BJP leader.

PU Lecturers threaten to boycott evaluation over wage disparity

Bengaluru, Feb.17- Upset over the Government's apathetic attitude, PU lecturers have threatened to boycott evaluation works if their demand for ending wage disparity is not met.

With the PUC exam scheduled to commence from the second week of March, the lecturers are pressing the Government for meeting their long-standing demand for resolving wage disparity.

Seeking fulfilment of their demand, the PU lecturers had observed '*Black Shivaratri*' to register their protest.

The PU College Lecturers Association has warned the Government that the PU lecturers will not be scared by ESMA and were ready to go to jail. The association has urged the Government to resolve the row at the earliest.

Mysuru district gets new DDPI

Mysuru, Feb.17- The State Government on Thursday transferred Mysuru DDPI Manjula to Kodagu district.

Manjula had taken over charge as Mysuru DDPI a few months ago following the promotional transfer of Dr. B.K.S. Vardhan. Manjula has been replaced by Mamatha, who was serving as DIET Principal in Tumakuru.

Mamatha is likely to take charge in a couple of days, it is learnt.

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KIND ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE ASSESSEES OF LAKSHMIPURAM DIVISION, CENTRAL TAX, GST COMMISSIONERATE, MYSURU

Every registered person is required to furnish a monthly return in Form GSTR-3B as per Section 39(1) of the CGST Act 2017 read with Rule 81(5) of the CGST Rules 2017 [other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under Section 10 (composition levy scheme) or Section 51 (Tax Deductor at Source) or Section 52 (Tax Collector at source)]. **It is, however, seen from the data in the ACES–GST application as on 15th FEBRUARY, 2018 that large number of registered taxpayers under LAKSHMIPURAM DIVISION have not furnished the GSTR 3B RETURNS from July, 2017 to December, 2017 months.**

The returns is required to be furnished even if it is a "Nil" return i.e. whether or not any supply of goods or services has been made during the tax period [Ref. Section 39(8) of the CGST Act 2017].

Due dates for remaining months of financial year 2017-18 are tabulated below:

Sl.No.	Months	Due date for filing GSTR-3B
01	January 2018	20.02.2018
02	February 2018	20.03.2018
03	March 2018	20.04.2018

Please furnish the GSTR-3B Return(s) for the month(s) mentioned above soon. Failure to furnish GSTR-3B attracts late fee specified in Section 47(1) of the Act read with Notification No. 64/2017 – Central Tax dated 15.11.2017.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Adust

Meaning: Scorched or burned.
Origin: Adust comes from Latin adustus, the past participle of adūrere ("to set fire to"), a verb formed from the Latin prefix ad- and the verb ūrere ("to burn"). It entered the English language in the early 15th century as a medical term related to the four bodily humors—black bile, blood, phlegm, and yellow bile—which were believed at the time to determine a person's health and temperament. Adust was used to describe a condition of the humors in which they supposedly became heated or combusted. Adust black bile in particular was believed to be a source of melancholy. The association with melancholy gave rise to a sense of adust meaning "of a gloomy appearance or disposition," but that sense is now considered archaic.

THE ODD WORD

Madeleine

Something that triggers memories or nostalgia.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Don't put all your eggs in one basket

Meaning: Do not put all your resources in one possibility.
Examples: It would be better if you applied to several companies instead of just one; don't put all your eggs in one basket. It is wise to diversify your investments across different instruments, as you should not put all your eggs in one basket.
Origin: The origin of the phrase is unclear, but it is most commonly attributed to the book Don Quixote written by Miguel Cervantes in the early 1600s.

QUOTE BOX

I was adored once too.

—William Shakespeare

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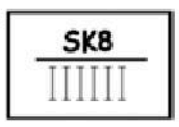
Solve this rebus



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6	7	1	3	4	5	8	9	2
2	5	3	7	8	9	1	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Flight from the law
4 Instrument Meteorological Conditions
7 ___ En Lai : Mao's prime minister?
11 Open school grp.
12 Diameter, in short?
13 Another word for 'tunes'
14 Capable of perception and feelings
17 Perennial plant
18 Finishes, brings to a close
20 Small branches or shoots of tree
22 ___Hari : famous female spy?
23 American Helicopter Society
24 A lively dance
27 Wax matches
31 Cylinders on which threads or wires are wound
33 Central Pacific island republic
34 Debussy heroine
35 Having much money
37 Younger Mr. Gavaskar
39 Latin American pineapple flavoured drink (4,6)
42 Fold of fabric
43 Tomb inscriptions
46 The friendly pirate in 'Peter Pan'
47 In short, she has the same parents as you
48 Abu Dhabi's fed.
49 Go __ with : be sparing or cautious with?
50 Std. temp. & press.
51 Gen. material

DOWN

1 Long playing records, in short?
2 ___ out : had a meal in a hotel or a restaurant?
3 Fractional part of logarithm
4 The same, in Latin
5 Musical note half the value of a semibreve
6 Snoozes
7 A hybrid between a buffalo and a cow
8 Put to work
9 Metal-bearing rocks
10 Employ or avail of
15 Another word for a young sheep
16 U.S. tax dept.
19 Surmounting; over
20 23rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet - "vat" anagram?
21 Just a question of time
25 City in Maharashtra famous for sugar & also for its footwear
26 Ms Bhatt of Bollywood
28 Jailer?
29 Operatic solo
30 Accomplishment
32 "S" in SF the city
36 Scram, move away fast! (3,2)
37 Treacherous rodent
38 Harem, ladies quarters in an Arab household
39 American cat
40 Frozen treats
41 Speech defect where the sibilants are mispronounced
42 T.S. Eliot's initials
44 Chinese dynasty of the days gone by
45 Mass of salt water

THURSDAY'S ANSWER:

A	N	T	A	■	G	A	R	B	■	B	A	I
T	O	E	S	■	B	L	U	R	■	R	A	F
O	N	E	S	■	S	A	B	O	T	A	G	E
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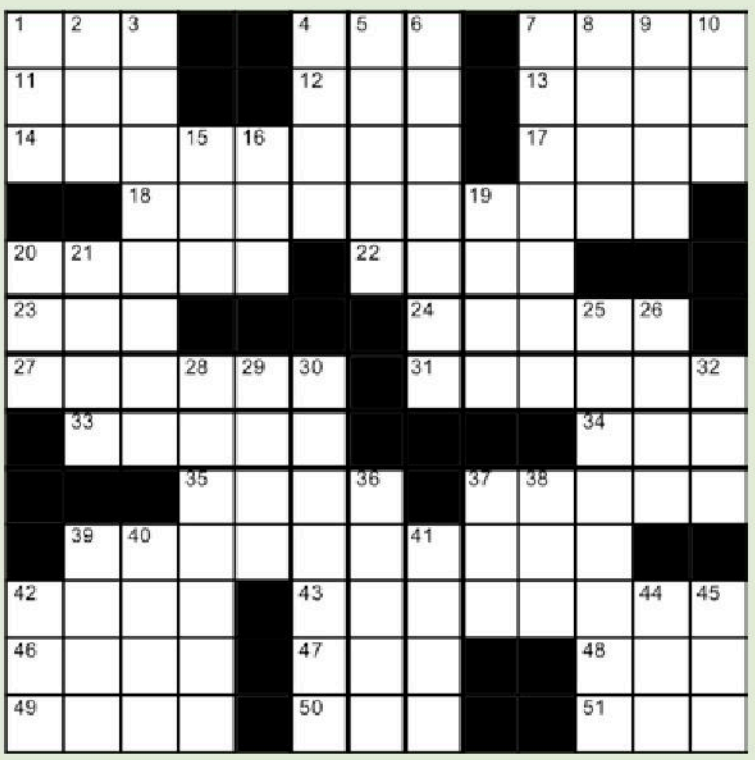


CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

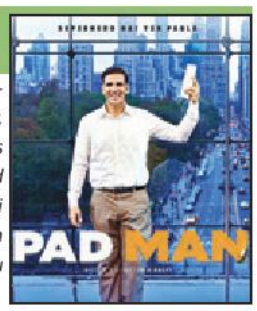
VG AVJ MJAM IJHUFGMK UGELM DUXGWCMVXL, EWC

VG AVJ LZEWFM NXWCWGMM REFVGUM ZJTG.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS H

Thursday's Cryptoquip: I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph - Shirley Temple

EDITOR'S CHOICE



PAD MAN *is a biographical comedy-drama film written and directed by R. Balki, featuring Akshay Kumar, Sonam Kapoor, and Radhika Apte in lead roles. It is based on the short story 'The Sanitary Man of Sacred Land' in Twinkle Khanna's book 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad,' which is inspired by the life of Arunachalam Muruganantham, a social activist from Tamil Nadu who introduced low-cost sanitary pads.*

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
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Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Samhaara	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kanaka	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Kantri Boys	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Google	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Mr. LLB	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tunturu	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Total Recall	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Aiyaary	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Safe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Naachiyaar	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Bhaagamathie	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Intelligent	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
DJ	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-4)	3.45 pm
Janagana Mana (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Aiyaary (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 7.00, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.50 am
Naachiyaar (Ta)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Prema Baraha (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.00 pm
Awe (Te)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Captain (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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	(S-4)	10.15 am, 9.35 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-2)	9.35 am, 9.50 pm
Naachiyaar (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Aiyaary (H)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am, 9.40 pm
Awe (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Mr. LLB (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Kantri Boys (K)	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Shankanaada (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 12.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.50 pm

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TV TONIGHT

7:30 pm Kaleerein	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Mein Saanjh..	7:00 pm Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:30 Mere Sai
8:30 Piyaa Albela	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	8:30 Ikyawann	8:30 Porus
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
10:00 Woh Apna Sa	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:30 Haasil
10:30 Aapke Aa Jaane Se	10:00 Ishqbaaaz	
6:00 pm Bear Grylls Survival School	6:00 pm Vivo Ipl Hls	4:00 pm Banged Up Abroad
6:30 American Digger	6:30 Hero Indian Super League 2017/18 Hls	5:00 World's Most Extreme
7:00 How Do They Do It?	7:00 Trans-Tasman 2018 T20 Tri-Series Hls	6:00 Primal Survivor
7:30 What Went Down	7:30 Ind Vs Eng 2017 T20i Hls	7:00 He Named Me Malala
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	8:00 Ban Vs Sl 2018 T20i's Hls	9:00 Prime @ 9
9:00 Battle Ops	8:30 Vivo Ipl Hls	10:00 The Story Of Us With Morgan Freeman
10:00 Man Vs. Wild		
6:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	7:00 pm Gouri	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:00 Roll No.21	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:30 Avalu
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	8:00 Brahamhastra
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
10:00 Ben 10	9:00 Nandhini	9:00 Jeeva Nadi
11:00 Dragon Ball Super	9:30 Premam	9:30 Doddamane Sose
	10:30 Maha Ganapathi	10:00 Sarayoo

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:00 pm **The Adventures Of Tintin**	4:05 pm **Legend Of Tarzan**	5:35 pm **License To Wed**
6:15 **Oscars Best Moments**	6:09 **Transformers**	7:09 **Eraser**
6:18 **X-Men: First Class**	9:00 **Pacific Rim**	8:59 **National Security**
	11:26 **Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls**	10:35 **The Tuxedo**
5:02 pm **SonofSatyamurthy 2**	4:53 pm **Sardaar Gabbar Singh**	6:45 pm **Teleshopping**
7:55 **Chef**	7:55 pm **Commando 2**	8:30 **Fillum Baazi**
10:37 **Dangerous Khiladi 4**	10:26 **Kuch Kuch Locha Hai**	9:00 **Man On Mission Jaanbaaz**
5:57 pm **Sachin: A Billion Dreams**	4:00 pm **Midida Hrudayagalu**	4:46 pm **Singham**
8:59 **Hellboy II**	7:00 **Yuga Purusha**	7:55 **Dangerous Khiladi**
11:29 **Anacondas**	10:00 **Ajeya**	10:41 **Main Hi Raja** **Main Hi Mantri**

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.17)

Ladies Circle India: La Marqueta Carnaval, the first-ever Day and Night Market, lawns of *Windflower Resort and Spa*, foot of Chamundi Hill, **12 noon onwards into the night.**

Department of Studies in Sericulture Science, University of Mysore: Valedictory of National Conference on 'Seri-Bi-omics' Member-Secretary of Central Silk Board Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar and Commissioner for Sericulture Development and Director of Sericulture, Dept. of Sericulture, Govt. of Karnataka K.S. Manjunath chief guests, University of Mysore Finance Officer Prof. B. Mahadevappa presides, Department of Sericulture, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

Department of Studies in Social Work, University of Mysore (UoM): Valedictory of National Conference on 'Issues of Social Development - A Social Work Response,' University of Mysore Registrar D. Bharathi chief guest, Professor and HOD of Social Work, Viswa-Bharati University, West Bengal Dr. Prashanta Kumar Ghosh delivers the valedictory address, Chairman of DOS in Social Work, UoM Dr. R. Shivappa delivers the Presidential address. Conference Director Dr. Y.S. Siddegowda proposes vote of thanks, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Auditorium, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

Abhyudaya Mahila Samaja: 23rd anniversary celebrations, Kanaka Mantapa, humour programme, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium, J.P. Nagar, **5 pm.**

N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru: Thyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana, Karnatak music concert by Sangeetha Vidyanidhi Dr. Vidyabhushana of Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga, Vid. C.L. Amarnath on ghata and Vid. S. Nagaraj on tabla, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathy Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Ananth Kumar *Devdutt Pattanaik* *T.J.S. George*

Star of Mysore: 40th anniversary celebrations, Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar inaugurates, Indian Mythologist, Author and *Star of Mysore* Columnist Devdutt Pattanaik and Editorial Advisor of *The New Indian Express*, *Padma Bhushan* T.J.S. George guests of honour, Book release — **'Star of Mysore - Story of a unique evening english newspaper'** written by *Star of Mysore* Founder and Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy — by T.J.S. George, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajeev Gandhi Central University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, Prof. K.C. Belliappa speaks on the book, felicitation to five senior staff of *SOM* and publisher T.S. Chayapathy, Platinum Jubilee auditorium of MMC&RI, J.K. Grounds, **4.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.18)

N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru: Thyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana, Nadaswara, **9.30 am;** Rendering of Thyagaraja and Purandaradasa krithis, **10.30 am;** Felicitation to eminent personalities who have contributed to the cause of music — G.L.N. Ayya of Gnanabharathi, Mysuru, Vid. Koviladi R. Kala, an eminent Karnatak Musician and Vid. Prof. G.S. Ramanujam, a well-known mridanga / ghata artiste, **11.20 am;** Pancharathna Keerthanas of Saint Thyagaraja in chorus, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathy Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **12.20 pm.**

Sri Viveka Vidyalaya PU College Srirampura: Free workshop for the students appearing for the SSLC (both State and CBSE) examination, College premises, **9.30 am to 1 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handcraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Vaidyavartha Prakashana: Book release — 'Itheerpu,' authored by Rechamballi Dundumadaiah, Chief of Passport Division at Post Office — by Karnataka Sahitya Academy President Dr. Aravinda Malagatti, Mysuru Division Senior Superintendent of Posts N. Prakash chief guest, South Karnataka Zone Post Master General S. Rajendra Kumar inaugurates the programme, Member of Kannada Vaidyakeya Vishwakosha, University of Mysore Dr.M.G.R. Urs presides, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre: Valedictory Shilpi Cup - 2018 Cricket Tournament, Vice-Chancellor of JSS Science and Technology University Dr. B.G. Sangameshwara chief guest, BAI State Chairman S.R. Swamy guest of honour, BAI Mysore Centre Chairman S. Mahadevaswamy presides, SJCE Grounds, **5 pm.**

Geeth Gaatha Chal: Musical Show by Doctors and their family, feast of old Kannada and Hindi songs by Dr. M.S. Natashekhar, Dr. A.L. Hemalatha, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Dr. U. Ganesh Rao, Dr. U.G. Shenoy, Dr. S.K. Ghori, Dr. Sushma Krishna Murthy, Dr. Seethalaxmi Somnath, Dr. Amrutha Upadhya, Dr. Snehashree Nirmal Kumar, Dr. G.D. Ravikumar, M. Prithvi Shankar, Dr. R.L. Varsha, Dr. Somnath Vasudev, Preethi Prabhu, Kavitha Niyath, Sparsha Shenoy, Apoorva Natashekar and Arathi Rao, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust: 18th anniversary, presentation of DVG Mukthaka Sahitya Award and felicitation, Muktaka recitation, Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji of Sri Ganapathy Ashrama inaugurates, Academy Chairaman S. Ramaprasad presides, retd. Kuvempu Univesity VC Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda chief guest, conferring of award on Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

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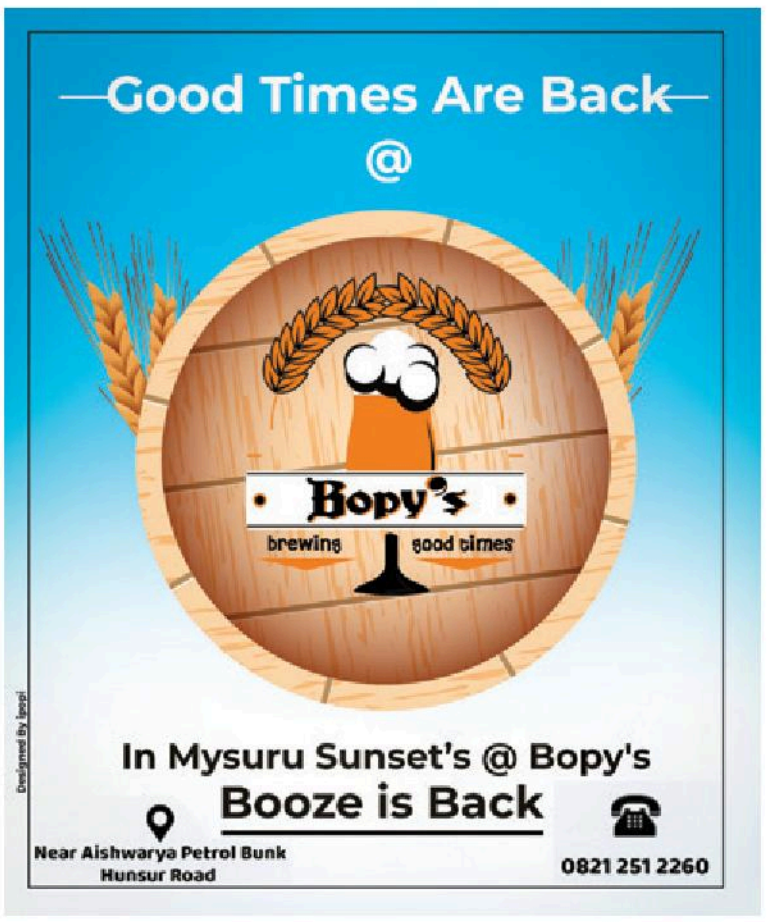

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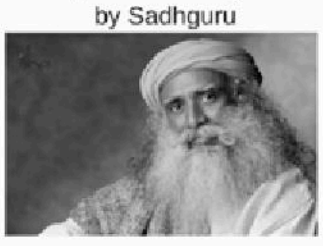

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